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WHITE HOUSE PASS TO SECRETARY ROGERS IN SAN CLEMENTE

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH CALLED IN AMBASSADOR SZABO
MARCH 30 AND MADE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATION:

2. A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN VIET- NAM AS THE FIRST
60 DAYS OF THE CEASE- FIRE CAME TO A CLOSE REVEALED
A VERY SERIOUS AND OMINOUS SITUATION.

3. ALTHOUGH THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING HAS DECLINED, THE
FORCES OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM AND
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OF THE VIET CONG, OR PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, ARE BLATANTLY VIOLATING THE CEASE- FIRE FROM ONE END OF THE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER. THESE VIOLATIONS TAKE THE FORM OF ARTILLERY AND ROCKET BARRAGES, ATTACKS BY GROUND FORCES, INDISCRIMINATE TERRORISM, AND, AS POINTED OUT TO YOU EARLIER BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREEN, CONTINUED ILLEGAL INFILTRATION OF MEN AND SUPPLIES FROM NORTH VIET- NAM.

4. FOR ITS PART, THE ICCS AFTER TWO MONTHS IS STILL FAILING COMPLETELY TO DISCHARGE THE RESPONSIBILITIES ENTRUSTED TO IT IN THE PEACE AGREEMENT, AND I MUST FRANKLY ADD THAT THE BLAME FOR THIS STATE OF PARALYSIS FALLS SQUARELY ON THE DELEGATIONS OF HUNGARY AND POLAND.

5. THOSE TWO DELEGATIONS HAVE DEVOTED THEMSELVES SOLELY TO THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE DRV AND PRG IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF FACT, TRUTH AND THE INTERESTS OF PEACE. THERE HAS BEEN HARDLY ANY PRETENSE AT IMPARTIALITY. WHEN COMPLAINTS ARE PRESENTED AGAINST THE DRV/ PRG DEPREDATIONS, THE HUNGARIAN AND POLISH DELEGATIONS EMPLOY GREAT INGENUITY TO AVOID ACTION, CLAIMING LACK OF SECURITY, LACK OF AUTHORITY, OR SIMPLY REFUSING TO MOVE. WHERE, AS AN EXCEPTION, AN INSPECTION IS MADE THESE TWO DELEGATIONS USE EVERY POSSIBLE DEVICE TO AVOID ALLOWING ANY CRITICISM OF DRV/ PRG ACTIONS. SPECIFIC EXAMPLES:

SA HUYNH WHERE A LOCAL TEAM REPORT WHICH UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE GVN POSITION WAS STYMIED BY THE REGIONAL POLISH AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS WHO ARGUED IT WAS INCOMPLETE SINCE THE PRG AND DRV HAD NOT TAKEN PART IN THE INVESTIGATION.

THE SHOOTING DOWN OF A CH-47 HELICOPTER, WHERE THE US LOST ONE DEAD AND A NUMBER WOUNDED, AND WHERE YOU USED THE PRG REFUSAL TO ENSURE SECURITY AS A PRETEXT FOR DELAYING THE INVESTIGATION. WHEN THE CANADIANS AND INDONESIANS PRESSED ON AND CONCLUDED THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN DOWNED BY VC/ NVA GROUND
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FIRE, THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS AGREED ONLY ON THE

NAMES OF THE CREW AND THE FACT THAT IT HAD BEEN SHOT AT.

THE KHE SANH MISSILE COMPLAINT WHERE THE ICCS MANDATE WAS CLEAR BUT WHERE THE COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES SIMPLY REFUSED TO ACT.

THE TRI TON SHELLING WHERE THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS MAINTAINED THE HIGHLY DUBIOUS POSITION THAT PROOF WAS INSUFFICIENT THAT THE VC WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHELLING INCIDENT.

6. MEANWHILE, THE VIOLATIONS CONTINUE AND THE FRAGILE STRUCTURE OF PEACE, WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT SOLEMNLY UNDERTOOK TO SUPPORT WITH ITS SIGNATURE OF THE ACT IN PARIS ON MARCH 2, IS GRAVELY THREATENED.

7. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REQUESTED AMBASSADOR SZABO TO INFORM URGENTLY THE GOH THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES A MOST SERIOUS VIEW OF WHAT IS OCCURRING IN VIET- NAM AND OF HUNGARY'S PART IN IT. THE USG IS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT ITS CONFIDENCE IN HUNGARY'S PROFESSED INTENTIONS TO HELP BRING ABOUT PEACE IN VIET- NAM HAS NOT BEEN VINDICATED. THE CONDUCT OF THE GOH IN THIS MATTER OF VITAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES CANNOT BUT HAVE A GRAVE IMPACT ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

8. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY URGED THAT THE GOH IMMEDIATELY GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER, REVIEW THE SITUATION IN VIET- NAM, CONSULT ITS FRIENDS AND ALLIES AND THEN ACT WITH COURAGE AND IMPARTIALITY TO COOPERATE IN MAKING THESE INSPECTIONS IN ORDER TO HELP STOP THE FIGHTING AND BRING ABOUT PEACE IN VIET- NAM.

9. POINTS MADE IN PARAS 2 TO 8 HANDED TO SZABO.

10. SZABO SAID HE IS NOT INFORMED IN DETAIL ABOUT SITUATION IN VIET- NAM. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOH AND ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REPLY. SZABO GAVE ASSURANCES
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GOH REGARDS ITS ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN ICCS WITH GREAT SERIOUSNESS AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE COMMITMENTS IT UNDERTOOK WHEN IT AGREED TO BE MEMBER OF ICCS. RUSH

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